

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
JUNE 19, 2013**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Absent
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes.**

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. May 22, 2013 regular common council meeting
2. May 22, 2013 executive session-discuss purchasing land

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**Review tax abatement compliance form [CF-1/Real Property]-Braun Family Properties.**

The Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property for 2013 pay 2014 from Braun Family Properties was tabled at the May 22, 2013 meeting after it was questioned why there was a decrease in wages because the SB-1 estimated

salaries for 168 retained employees shows \$5,463,963 while the actual salaries for these 168 retained employees shows \$5,025,000 and no one representing this business was present.

Greg Hochgesang, controller for Meyer Distributing and Braun Family Properties, said they were missing overtime and sales commission due to a lack of communication with their CPA firm. He feels the numbers are now accurate. The revised CF-1 form now shows the actual salaries for these 168 retained employees at \$5,413,347.

Mike Braun then gave an update on their project.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to find that Braun Family Properties LLC is in compliance with its statement of benefits for real property, Form CF-1/Real Property. Motion carried 6-0.

**Tax abatement application-Jasper Chair.** Jeff Barth, president of Jasper Chair, presented a summary of the tax abatement application submitted by Jasper Chair for real and personal property. Barth said the project will consist of an investment of real property of \$1,069,587.00; personal property of \$450,059.00 with an assessed value of \$135,018.00. The expected completion date is April, 2014. They expect to add three new positions with annual base wages totaling \$92,820.00.

Council member Randall Buchta asked Barth if they will be buying the equipment from local businesses. Barth replied, yes.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick then reviewed the 87 points awarded by the Economic Development Commission for a recommendation of a 9-year tax phase-in.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-3 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA [Jasper Chair]**

This resolution designates an economic revitalization area regarding the tax abatement application submitted by Jasper Chair Company.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2013-3. Motion carried 6-0.

**Update on the I-67 Development Corporation.** Hank Menke, chairman of the I-67 Development Corporation, and Eric Schue, treasurer, were present. Menke gave a report of the accomplishments of the corporation while Schue distributed a copy of the report. Menke said infrastructure such as I-67 is extremely critical for growth to this area. Menke then asked for additional money from the City of Jasper to keep this proposed project moving forward. The corporation has made significant progress in the last one and one-half years.

Mayor Seitz said there is a \$25,000 appropriation in the EDIT Fund for 2013 for the I-67 initiative.

**Utility Service Board.** General Manager of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on June 17, 2013. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

**JCAC.** Jasper Community Arts Commission member Gary Moeller attended the meeting on behalf of the Board. He thanked the council for its continued support. He said the 2013-14 programs are out to the public. He said there are four different series with three acts in each series. He then reviewed the different acts.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING AN OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES**

This resolution reimburses the Rainy Day Fund if certain underutilized or unutilized property is sold.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2013-2. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.1998-32 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FEES AND PROCEDURES FOR TRASH COLLECTION, AND THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, TRASH, AND WASTE MATERIALS IN THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA**

This ordinance excludes electronics and adds yard waste to Ordinance No. 1998-32. The previous ordinance did not include yard waste that the City collects so this amendment incorporates it into the ordinance.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt

and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-16. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-17 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013**

This ordinance appropriates money in the Riverboat Fund and the Park Bond Fund. A notice to taxpayers appeared in the Herald on June 8, 2013.

Mayor Seitz asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-17. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6(1) OF ORDINANCE NO. 546, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA – STOP INTERSECTIONS DESIGNATED**

This ordinance adds or deletes stop intersections not previously listed in an ordinance.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-18. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6(1) OF ORDINANCE NO. 546, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA – STOP INTERSECTIONS DESIGNATED**

This ordinance revises the list of all stop intersections in the City of Jasper to date.

A motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-19. Motion carried 6-0.

**Comments and discussion.** Mayor Seitz reported on the status of the CityVisions report, the former country club property, and a meeting held with former Jasper Cabinet property owner Jerry Fuhs. Council member Kevin Manley asked for an update on the selling of certain unutilized or underutilized property. There was some discussion about the former Wood Products building and some discussion about stray cats in the area.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with  X  without corrections or clarification this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**